Dear Mr. Powell and Other Commissioners:

I urge you NOT to vote to increase the number of TV or radio stations that one person or corporation can legally own. Such a move would jeopardize our democracy by decreasing competition and would put control in too few hands.

When our government broke AT&T apart several years, it did so to reduce monopoly. By increasing the number of stations one could own, you would be placing control in too few hands and would reduce competition drastically.

Our democracy could not withstand such a move. Freedom of speech and freedom of the press would be curtailed, perhaps even abolished. Your vote is critical; use it in favor of democracy! Sincerely, Ruth Scharnau